MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know why a distinction is made with regard to teachers who are above 35 years of age?

MR. C.V. CHANDRASEKHARAAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*): Teachers who are above 35 years of age would ordinarily have 10 to 15 years of teaching experience: and so it was considered doubtful whether such teachers would profit by training and whether training was necessary for them.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Am I to understand that such teachers are usually exempted from undergoing training without being in any way disqualified for the promotions usually given to trained teachers?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*): The question of giving exemptions to them is under consideration.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know the reasons that weigh with the Director in the selection, for training, of tachers above 35?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*): I was just explaining, Sir, that teachers above 35 may not need trainining and may be too old to profit by training.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*). In the answer it is stated that special permission of the Director is necessary; I want to know from the Director the reasons that weigh with him in giving admission to the Training College, for teachers who are above 35.

MR. C.V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*): Circumstances alter cases. There may be special cases in which even teachers who are above 35 may have to be given training; there may be other cases in which younger teachers may have to be given preference. The Director therefore reserves to himself some discretion in the matter.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know whether qualified persons, who are not teachers either in Government schools or in private schools, are admitted in the Training College or in the training schools?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*): Yes; there are a few seats reserved for non-stipendiaries in the Training College.

Promotions of Grant-in-aid Vaidyans.

2. ✱ MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state the general principles adopted by them in giving grade promotions to grant-in-aid *Vaidiyans*?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer furnished to part (*b*) of question No. 175 asked at the meeting of the Sri Mulam Assembly held on the 19th Karkatakam 1109/3rd August 1934 (vide page 602 of the Assembly Proceedings. Vol. III—No. 8).

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know from the Honourable Member whether the answer referred to does not refer to the question of giving grants-in aid to *vaidyans*?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The principles are the same both for *giving* grants-in-aid initially and for *increasing* them later on also.

Appointment of teachers in Departmental Schools.

3. ✱ **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the principles adopted in making appointments as teachers in departmental schools;

(*b*) whether persons with superior qualifications are preferred to those who have acting service and, if so, the rules regarding the same;

(*c*) whether trained V. S. L. C's are preferred to persons who have passed the Vernacular Higher Examination; and

(*d*) whether other qualifications being equal, teachers in grant-in-aid schools are preferred to fresh applicants?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Teachers are appointed in the order of seniority from the waiting lists.

(*b*) Yes; in exceptional cases.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The applications of teachers in grant-in-aid schools are considered on their merits along with others.

MR. A S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): With reference to the answer to part (*d*), may I know whether, qualifications being the same, applications from teachers in grant-in-aid schools are preferred to those from raw hands?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): With reference to the answer to part (*a*), may I know whether it is not a fact that the waiting list has been abolished?

PRESIDENT: You seem to be furnishing information, not asking for it.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): I am trying to elicit information.

PRESIDENT: You ask 'Is it true that the waiting list has been abolished'?

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): I want to know whether it is a fact that the waiting list has been abolished.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*): No, Sir; not yet.

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